

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

In the specification, paragraphs have been added and amended as described above. A substitute specification is attached which incorporates the specification changes as well as renumbers the paragraphs in the specification.

Claims 1-20 are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 21-32 are being added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims to this application. A detailed listing of all the claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 21-32 (12 claims) are now pending in this application.

The present application is a National Phase Application in the United States of International Application Number PCT/US2004/009370 filed on March 26, 2004 and published in English under the PCT, and United States Application No. 10/444,432, filed May 23, 2003, now United States Patent No. 6,742,841, issued June 1, 2004 all of which are incorporated herein by this reference.

Applicants have provided a substitute specification which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference which added paragraphs numbers and heading titles as appropriate to conform with USPTO practice.

Applicants state that no new matter has been added to this substitute specification. For the Preliminary Amendment, applicants submit that the specification should be amended to include a cross-reference to the related applications of the PCT, and US Application and US Patent cited above.

Applicants have corrected a number of typographical and clerical errors in the specification as indicated above.

Specifically, Applicants have amended the PCT Specification paragraph 0021 (now paragraph 0025 of the Substitute Specification) to change the number "11" to number "10" and have amended original paragraph 0024 (now paragraph 0028 of the Substitute Specification) to change the element number to "25" to "26". Both corrections are now consistent with the respect to element number in the specification and the drawings.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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